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FOR NEA/IRN NAAS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, IR

SUBJ: STAFFDEL LEVINSON'S CONVERSATION WITH AMOUZEGAR

1. WE ARE POUCHING DETAILED MEMCON OF STAFFDEL LEVINSON INTERVIEW WITH GOI MININT AND OPEC REP AMOUZEGAR. MEMCON COVERS FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(A) GOI RELATIONS WITH CONSORTIUM: CONSORTIUM MEMBERS HAVE FAILED TO MEET "OBLIGATIONS TO PURCHASE AMOUNT OF OIL THEY NOMINATED AND TO PROVIDE 40 PERCENT SHARE OF CAPITAL FOR PROGRAMS IN SOUTHERN OIL FIELDS". GOI UNDERSTOOD COMPANIES' REASONS BUT NEVERTHELESS UPSET AT SUCENLY FINDING ITSELF WITH LESS REVENUE THAN IT HAD PROJECTED. NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY SUSPENDED PENDING COMPLETION OF SAG-ARAMCO NEGOTIATIONS. YAMANI TOLD AMOUZEGAR NEW SAG-ARAMCO AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED SEPTEMBER 4. (CF. TEHRAN 8625)

(B) IRAN'S OPEC POLICY PAPER ON PROTECTION OF PURCHASING POWER OF OIL. IDEA OF DOING THIS THROUGH INDEXATION ABANDONED AS "TOO CUMBERSOME". OPEC STILL HOPED IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH CONSUMERS IN CIEC AND WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT "ALMOST ANY REASONABLE" SORT OF INDEX. OPEC STILL HAS IN FORCE A 15-MONTH FREEZE THAT BEGAN

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LAST OCTOBER 1 AND HAD LOST CONSIDERABLE PURCHASING

POWER SINCE THAT TIME.

(C) IRAN AND OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES HAVE OFFSET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS EFFECTS ON POORER COUNTRIES OF OIL PRICE INCREASES THROUGH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AID PROGRAMS.

(D) IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE NOT COMPETING IN ARMS PURCHASES, NOR DOES IRAN EXPECT TO FIGHT THE USSR BUT MUST REMAIN STRONG IN ORDER NEVER AGAIN TO SUFFER THREAT OF FOREIGN OCCUPATION.

(E) AMOUZEGAR REFERRED QUESTIONS ON ARMS PURCHASES AND USE OF AGENTS IN SUCH TRANSACTIONS TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN AND NOTED THAT CORRUPTION IS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM THAT IS BEING FOUGHT IN IRAN AS IT IS ELSEWHERE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU THINK THERE IS ANYTHING IN ABOVE THAT YOU WOULD NEED IN MORE EXTENSIVE TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.
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